

**Washington, DC** - Brushing up his congressional office with a touch of Savannah, 12th District Representative John Barrow (D-GA) recently turned part of his Washington, DC, office into exhibit space for paintings and artwork from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

"Not only am I impressed by the quality and diversity of the work produced by SCAD students, but every time I'm in Savannah, I'm reminded of how important and influential SCAD has been for the city," Barrow said. "I'm honored that the school has given me the chance to showcase some of their work in Washington."

The oil based painting currently on display, entitled "Once then, then again," was painted by Karenni Ness. Ness attended the Savannah College of Art and Design on a prestigious academic honors fellowship and received a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting in 2004. Her work has been exhibited in several group and solo exhibitions in Savannah, Ga., Louisville, Ky., Moorhead, Minn., and Lacoste, France.

She has had several commissioned public works, including a mural in Buffalo, N.D., and a painting in Fargo, N.D.

On display for all visitors and guests, the painting hangs in the reception area of Barrow's congressional office in Washington. In the coming months, Barrow will work with SCAD to add new artwork, in hopes of showcasing a broad range of different pieces and mediums from the prestigious design school.

The Savannah College of Art and Design prepares talented students for careers in the visual and performing arts, design, the building arts, and the history of art and architecture. The college emphasizes learning through individual attention in a positively oriented environment. The college has locations in Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, and in Lacoste, France. Some programs are offered online through SCAD e-Learning.

For more information about the college, its programs of study, and cultural events sponsored by the college, call 800.869.7223 or 912.525.5100 or visit the college Web site at [www.scad.edu](http://www.scad.edu). E-mail may be sent to [info@scad.edu](mailto:info@scad.edu).

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